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I don't know about you but I get really excited when characters from Warhammer Monthly burst out of the pages of the comic and start popping up in other places. Those of you that have read First & Only – Dan (Inquisitor Ascendant) Abnett's first Gaunt's Ghosts novel – already know that Gravier and Defay show up towards the end of the book, and last year Captain Leonatos from the Bloodquest strip found his way out of the Eye of Terror and onto a T-shirt. If it excites you as much as it does me then prepare to be blown away in the near future! Over the next few months our friends at Fanatic Games are putting out figures of our Mordheim miscreants, Ulli and Marquand, and shortly after, Kal Jerico and Scabbs will make the leap from comic page to gaming piece (by the way, who is that dashing chap on page 20 of the Inquisitor rulebook?). Who knows, maybe one of our characters will find his (or her) way into an army book or codex (hint, hint!).

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TITAN

Hekate & Dictatio lead their Legion to war in Titan: Ground Zero!

MORDHEIM

An old, embittered enemy returns in the first part of Mordheim: Crusade.

INQUISITOR

Gravier searches through the devastated warscape of Sepulchris.

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Last issue we published a short extract from William King's forthcoming Gotrek & Felix novel, Vampireslayer, and we teased you by saying that the novel won't be available until September. Despite requests from readers offering their firstborn to serve as guardians of the Black Library in exchange for us bringing the release date forward you'll still have to wait until late summer before you can read the novel in its entirety. In the meantime here's Adrian Smith's fantastic cover image to tease you just a little bit more!

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TITAN

GROUND ZERØ

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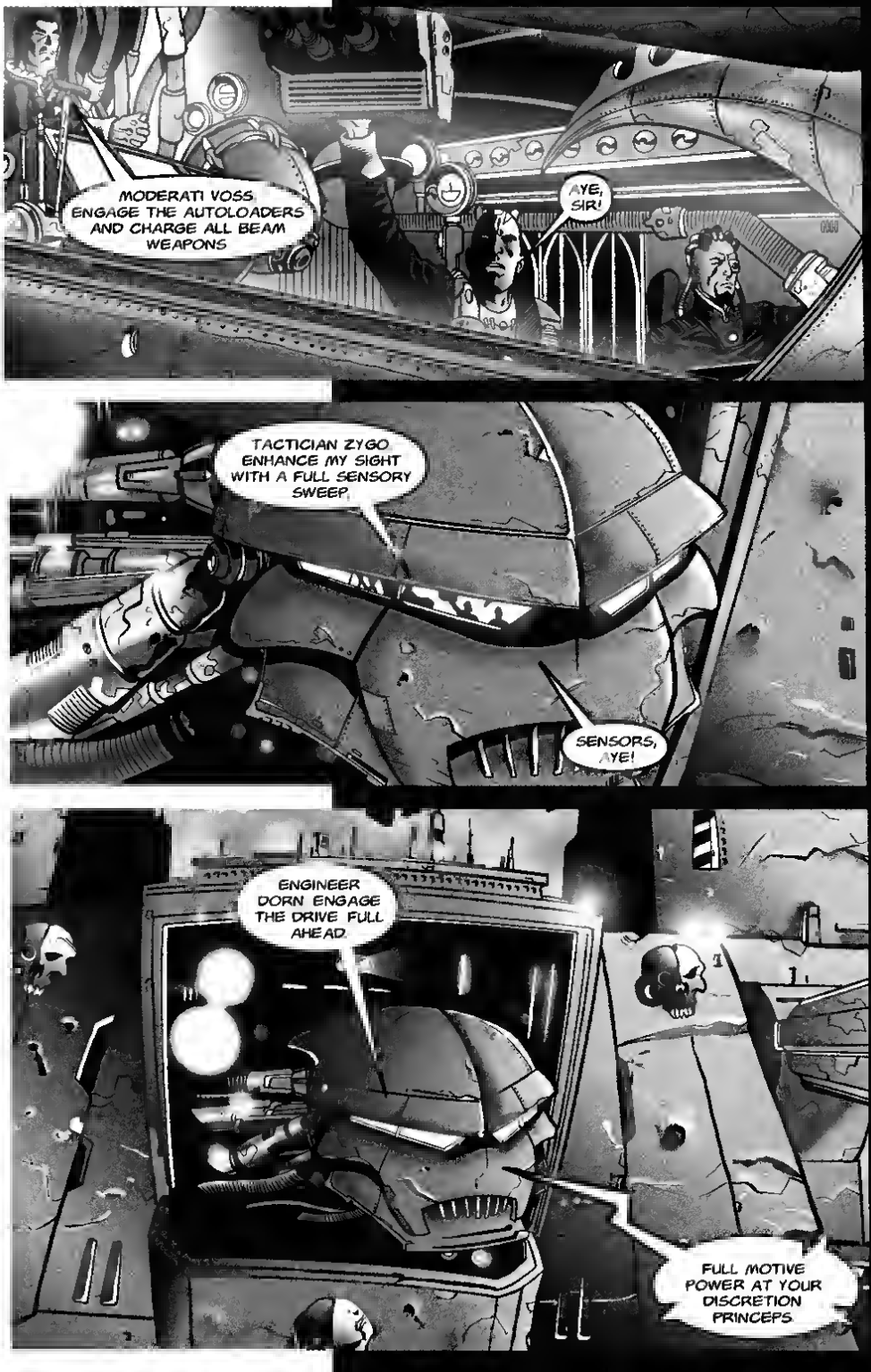
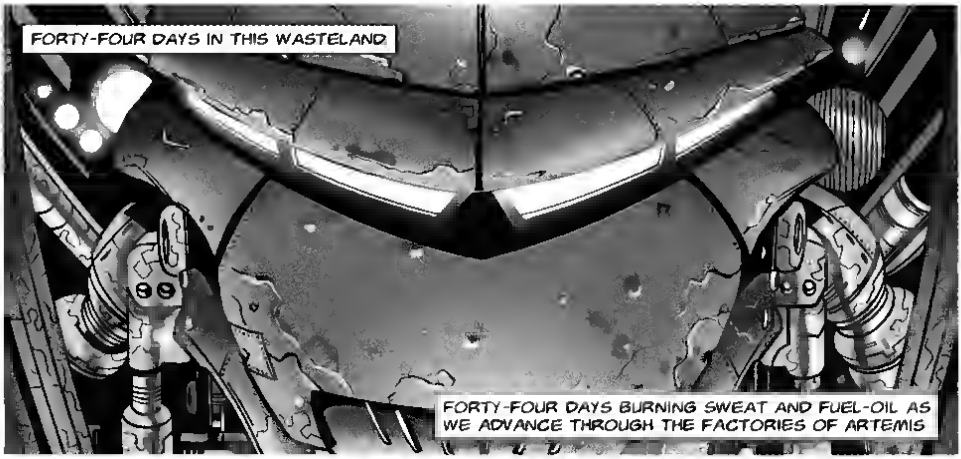
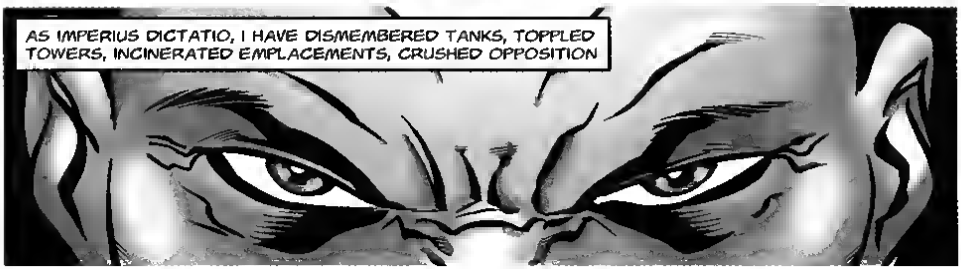

MODERATI VOSS. ENGAGE THE AUTOLOADERS AND CHARGE ALL BEAM WEAPONS
AYE, SIR!
TACTICIAN ZYGO. ENHANCE MY SIGHT WITH A FULL SENSORY SWEEP.
SENSORS, AYE!
ENGINEER DORN ENGAGE THE DRIVE FULL AHEAD.
FULL MOTIVE POWER AT YOUR DISCRETION PRINCEPS

"MACHINE-GODS OF MARS ADVANCE!"


FORTY-FOUR DAYS IN THIS WASTELAND
FORTY-FOUR DAYS BURNING SWEAT AND FUEL-OIL AS WE ADVANCE THROUGH THE FACTORIES OF ARTEMIS

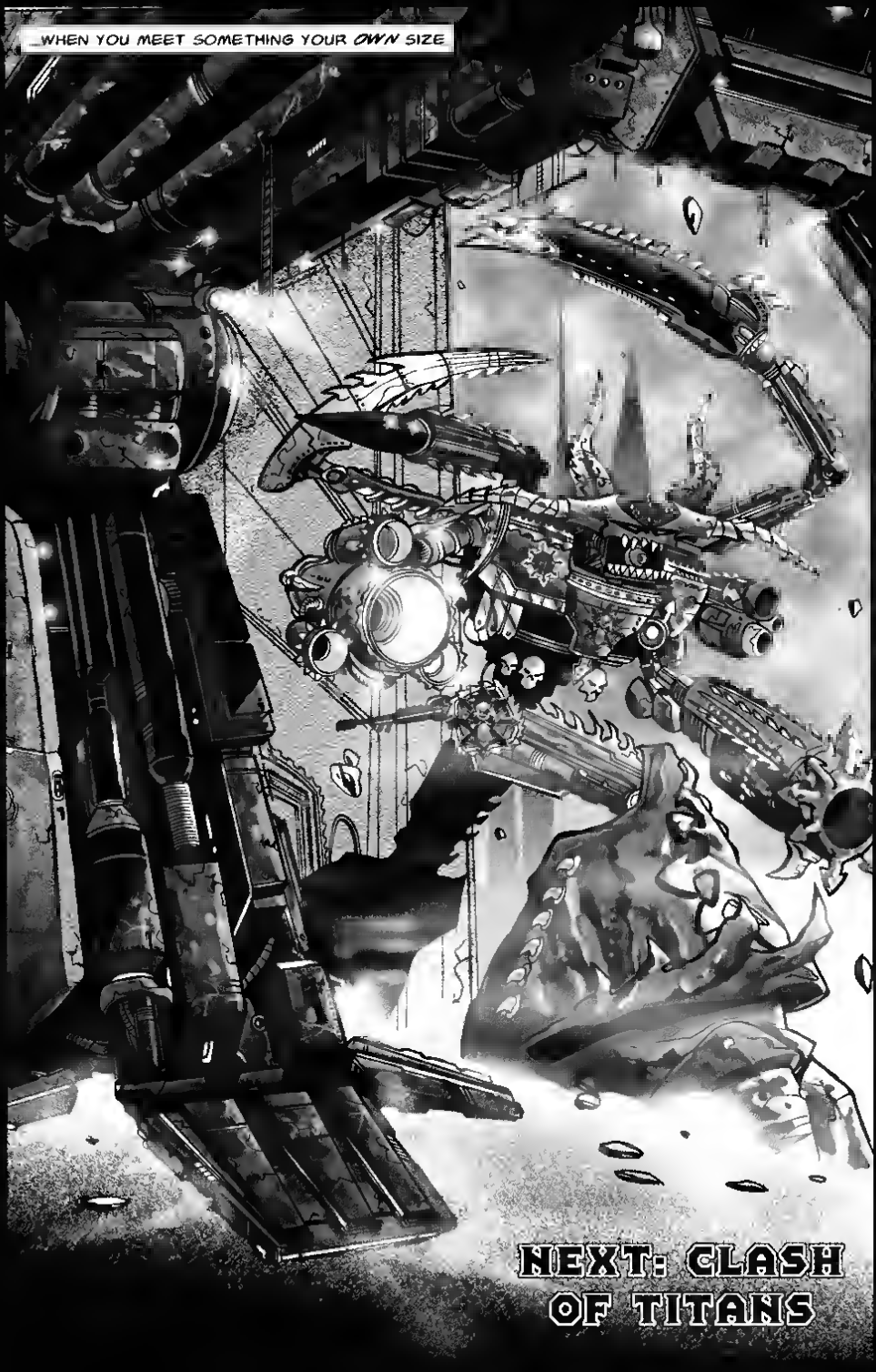
FORTY-FOUR DAYS FIGHTING TO RETAKE THE CITY A STREET AT A TIME.
A STRIDE AT A TIME

AS ERVIN HEKATE, I HAVE IMPROVISED TACTICS, GIVEN ORDERS, TIMED ENGAGEMENTS, CHOSEN TARGETS


AS IMPERIUS DICTATIO, I HAVE DISMEMBERED TANKS, TOPPLED TOWERS, INCINERATED EMPLACEMENTS, CRUSHED OPPOSITION

BOMBARDMENT! INCOMING!
FULL SHIELDS! BRACE! BRACE!
IT IS UPLIFTING TO BE REMINDED OF SCALE
TO BE GIVEN A MOMENT OF PERSPECTIVE

IT IS TOO EASY TO FEEL *INVULNERABLE* WHEN YOU ARE PART OF A WARLORD TITAN.
TOO EASY TO FEEL LIKE A *GOD*.
START THINKING THAT WAY, YOU START MAKING MISTAKES.
YOU NEED TO BE REMINDED THAT YOU ARE *NOTHING*.
...THAT YOU ARE A COG, A TINY MOVING PIECE IN A FAR *GREATER* WAR MACHINE.
JUST ANOTHER EXPENDABLE PART OF A FIGHTING FORCE SO *VAST*, NO ENEMY COULD STAND BEFORE IT.
IT HELPS TO KEEP THAT IN MIND.


...WHEN YOU MEET SOMETHING YOUR OWN SIZE
NEXT: CLASH OF TITANS

KRUNCH!
Mordheim
Crusade – part one
Script: Gordon Rennie · Art: Paul Peacock
WURM! I CRUSH YOU GOOD JAH?
SIGMAR'S HOLY EMPIRE IS DIVIDED BY CIVIL WAR EVERYWHERE, THE FORCES OF EVIL ARE ON THE RISE. MANY BELIEVE THE END OF THE WORLD IS NIGH
AT SUCH TIMES, THE FAITHFUL MUST STAND UP AND BE COUNTED
SPLAP!
SCHWEINHUNDS! PREPARE FOR THE HOLY JUDGEMENT!
SISTER PURITY, HOLY WARRIOR BRIDE OF SIGMAR.
ACH DUMBKOPFS. YOU THINK THE RUNNING AWAY WILL SAVE YOU?

AND HER PURITAN ASSASSIN PARTNER, BROTHER CROWE
...HIS DEADLY SKILLS NOW DEDICATED TO THE GREATER GLORY OF SIGMAR!
SHHF
SSK
TOGETHER, THEY TRAVEL THROUGH THE EMPIRE, BRINGING THE MERCY OF SIGMAR TO THE WICKED AND UNRIGHTEOUS.
PLE
AFTER THE PESTILENCE DESTROYED OUR CROPS, WE HAD TO TURN TO BANDITRY... WE HAD TO FEED OUR FAMILIES..!
I UNDERSTAND, MY SON. AND I FORGIVE YOU.
GO IN PEACE, AND EXPLAIN YOUR CRIMES TO YOUR JUDGES IN THE AFTERLIFE.
ACH, I LOVE THE SMELL OF BURNING SINNERS IN THE MORNING, BROTHER CROWE. IT SMELLS OF... SALVATION.
BLESSED WORDS INDEED, SISTER. SIGMAR BE PRAISED.

CRAAWW
CRAAWW
LOOK, BROTHER! A MESSENGER RAVEN!
SINNER
QUITE SO, SISTER..
LET US SEE WHAT NEWS IT MAY HAVE FOR US
CRAAWW
CRAAW-
THUNK
HMMM, A PARCHMENT MADE OF HUMAN SKIN...
A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMRADE THE PLAYER? WHAT DOES IT SAY, BROTHER?
"IT IS A SUMMONS, SISTER. THEY HAVE NEED OF US IN THE NORTH."
FROM ALL DIRECTIONS THEY CAME. FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE EMPIRE. THE BLESSED AND THE INSANE. FANATICS AND ZEALOTS, ALL OF THEM ANSWERING THE SAME SUMMONS.
SUMMONED TO MORDHEIM. CITY OF THE DAMNED.

THERE WERE *THE-THREE-WHO-WERE-ONE*, HOLY BRETHREN WHOSE LOVE OF THE LORD SIGMAR HAD INSPIRED THEM TO *MORTIFY THEIR OWN FLESH* SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT FALL PREY TO THE TEMPTATIONS OF SIN.
FROM THE WILDS OF THE DRAKWALD FOREST CAME *THE PACKMASTER*, WHO HAD TRAINED HIS HOUNDS TO TRACK THEIR PREY BY FOLLOWING *THE SCENT OF SIN AND HERESY.*
AND WITH THEM CAME *THE EXECUTIONER*. THE MYSTERIOUS HOLY AVENGER WHO SHOWED HIS MASKED FACE ONLY TO THOSE DOOMED HERETICS ABOUT TO FALL UNDER HIS AXE
AND SO THEY CAME TOGETHER IN MORDHEIM ANSWERING THE CALL OF THEIR COMRADE IN ARMS, THAT MOST PIOUS AND VIRTUOUS ENEMY OF EVIL, *GOTTLIEB THE FLAYER*–
WELCOME, BRETHREN. WELCOME TO THIS *FESTERING PIT OF CORRUPTION AND DAMNATION*. WELCOME TO MORDHEIM.

LORD SIGMAR HAS BLESSED ME WITH A SACRED VISION, BROTHERS.
FOR TOO LONG HAS THIS BREEDING GROUND OF VILENESS BEEN ALLOWED TO ESCAPE UNCLEANSED. NOW LORD SIGMAR COMMANDS THAT YOU CARRY OUT THIS GREATEST AND NOBLEST OF TASKS IN HIS NAME—
FOR MORDHEIM, JUDGEMENT DAY IS HERE AT LAST.
EVEN HERE, THERE ARE TWO AMIDST THESE RUINS WHOSE ABOMINABLE CRIMES DISTINGUISH THEM FROM ALL OTHERS
FEAR NOT, WISE BROTHER CROWE I HAVE ALREADY PRAYED FOR GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER.
SEE, EVEN UPON MY OWN FLESH MUST I BEAR THEIR MARK AS A REMINDER OF MY FAILURE BUT NOW THE TIME OF THEIR CHASTISEMENT IS NIGH.
BLESSED BE YOUR WORDS, BROTHER FLAYER BUT WHO AMONGST US SHALL LEAD US IN THIS HOLY WORK?
"LORD SIGMAR COMMANDS THAT TO THE FIRST AMONGST US TO VISIT HIS WRATH UPON THESE TWO SINNERS SHALL GO THE HONOUR OF LEADING HIS HOLY CRUSADE TO WIPE THE CITY OF THE DAMNED OFF THE FACE OF THE EMPIRE."
TO BE CONTINUED

INQUISITOR ASCENDANT

EPISODE TWO: PART FOUR

SEPULCHRIS. SO DEAD A PLACE I HAVE NEVER KNOWN
RAZED BY TOTAL WAR EIGHT YEARS AGO, IT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A MAUSOLEUM WORLD, A RUINED MONUMENT TO THE IMPERIAL DEAD TO STAND IN PERPETUITY.
HERE, PERHAPS, WE WILL FIND DEFAY.
INQUISITOR DEFAY. MY MASTER.
WE HAVE BEEN HERE FOUR DAYS. EVEN WITH THE GUIDANCE OF THIS WORLD'S KEEPERS, WE HAVE TURNED UP NOTHING
THE LEADS WE FOUND ON PONTIFICATE INDICATING DEFAY CAME HERE IN SECRET ARE GROWING COLD
THE MONUMENTS ABSORB YOU, YES, GRAVIER?
INQUISITOR REIKER. MY NEW MASTER. HE BELIEVES DEFAY TO BE A HERETIC, AND INTENDS TO HUNT HIM DOWN.
I AM SWORN TO ASSIST HIM. BUT IN TRUTH I FEEL MY REAL ROLE IS TO PROVE DEFAYS INNOCENCE TO HIM.
THE IMPERIAL SUBJECT IS WORTHY IN LIFE, INQUISITOR, BUT MAJESTIC IN DEATH
HNH! QUITE SO.
HULM! HOW FAR TO THE NEXT ENCLAVE?
ANOTHER HALF HOUR, SIR.
TROOPER HULM, THE LEADER OF OUR GUIDES. ALL OF THEM ARE KEEPERS - EX IMPERIAL GUARDSMEN LEFT HERE BY THEIR WARMASTER TO GUARD THE MONUMENTS FOR POSTERITY.
...BUT WE SHOULD PICK UP THE PACE. THERES AN ION STORM DRAWING IN. I CAN SMELL IT.
I CAN THINK OF NO MORE MISERABLE A DUTY. EXCEPT, PERHAPS, MY OWN.

SCRIPT DAN ABNETT • ART JIM BRADY • LETTERS. FIONA STEPHENSON

GOD-EMPEROR! HOW DYA STAND THAT OVERBEARING BUFFOON?
A STRICT REGIME OF MEDITATION AND INTOXICANTS.
THEN NO MORE LINGERING! ONWARDS, YES?
FULL STOP! INTO COVER!
WHAT? A STOP? I THOUGHT THERE WAS AN APPROACHING STORM WE NEEDED TO OUTRUN YES?
THERE ARE WORSE THINGS ON SEPULCHRIS THAN THE STORMS YOUR HIGHNESS
WHAT A-

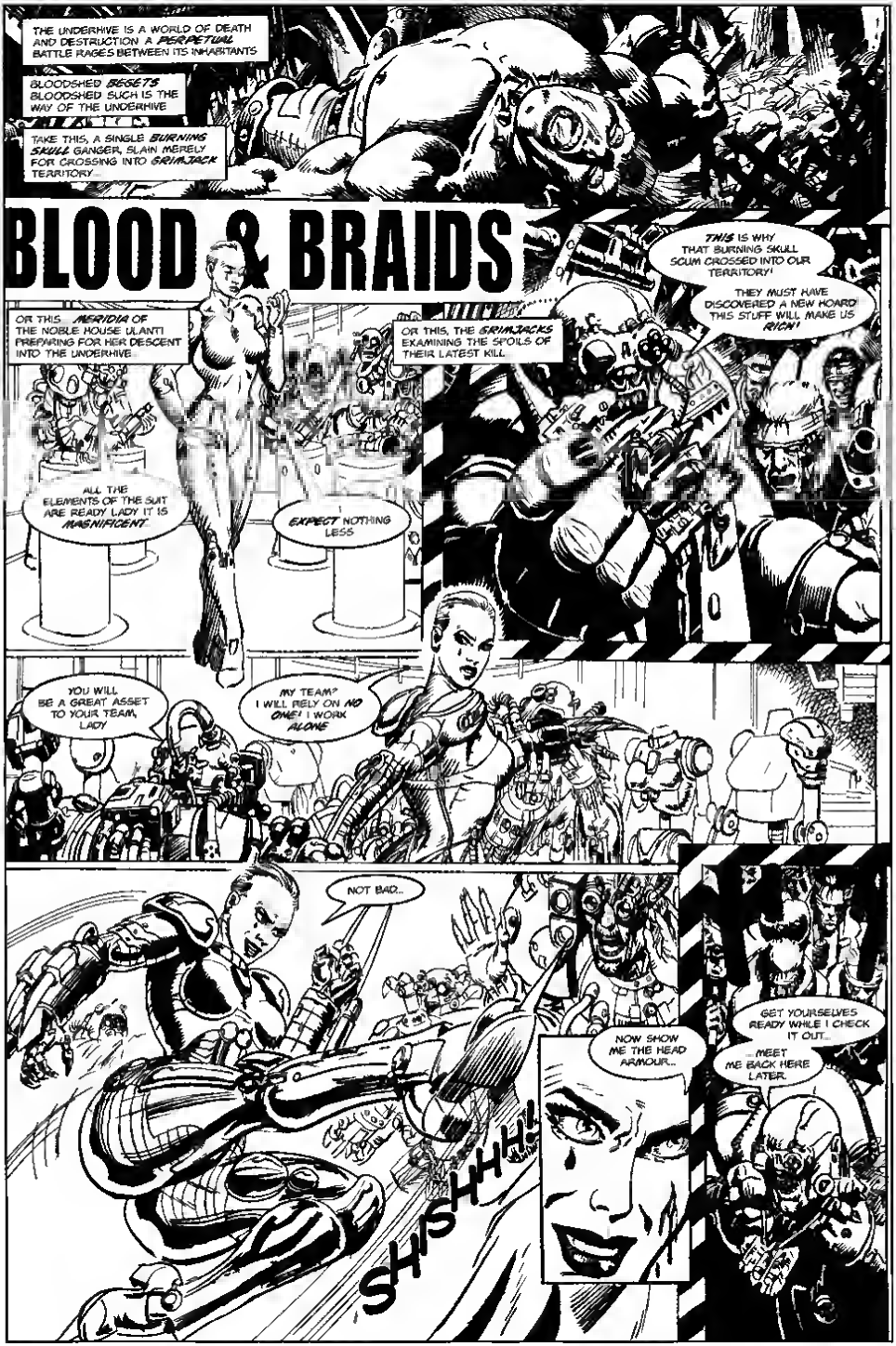
THEY'RE GONE WE'RE CLEAR, LETS GO
WHAT *WERE* THEY?
WE CALL 'EM *TEKANNIBALS*. SUB-HUMAN VERMIN THAT STALK THE RUINS.
STRANGE FOR 'EM TO COME THIS FAR SOUTH OUT OF THEIR *CLAN-TURFS*.
YOU CAN THANK THE BELOVED EMPEROR THEY *DIDN'T* SCENT US
COME ON STORMS NEARLY ON US
WE MAKE IT TO THE NEXT ENCLAVE AHEAD OF THE STORM *BARELY*.
SEPULCHRISS ION STORMS ARE THE PRODUCT OF A CLIMATE TORTURED BY MASSIVE ENERGY WEAPON DISCHARGE
THE *ENCLAVES*, FEW AND FAR BETWEEN ARE THE WAY STATIONS OF THE KEEPERS.
I WILL QUESTION THE ENCLAVE MASTER GRAVIER. STAY HERE AND DON'T MEDDLE WITH ANYTHING YES?
WHATEVER YOU SAY, *MASTER*...
" DEFAY? DON'T KNOW THE NAME.."
...BUT I KNOWS THE *FACE*.

YOU DO? TELL ME ABOUT HIM, FRIEND ZABER.
HE CAME HERE A WAYS BACK, POKIN' AROUND, VERY SECRETIVE.
WHEN DID HE LEAVE?
WHO SAID ANYTHING 'BOUT HIM LEAVING?
HE'S STILL *HERE?* DO YOU KNOW WHERE?
I MIGHT. MAKE ME AN OFFER AND I'LL SHOW YOU.
HOW ABOUT A BOTTLE OF GRAIN ALCOHOL?
DONE. MEET ME OUT BACK, DOWN BY THE WASTE PLANT, ONCE THIS STORM'S BLOWN OUT.
I'LL MAKE IT *TWO* BOTTLES IF WE CAN KEEP THIS BETWEEN OURSELVES.
YEAH? WHAT ABOUT YER *MASTER?*
HE'S *NOT* MY MASTER. SHOW ME TO DEFAY AND I'LL TELL HIM WHEN I'M READY.

ZABER? KEEPER ZABER?
THOUGHT YA WASN'T COMING
HUH?
SO WHERE IS HE?
TAKE THE PATH OUT OF THE CRATER YONDER OVER THE RISE. FIND THE BURNED OUT TANK, ROLLED ON ITS SIDE WAIT THERE
GOOD HUNTING...

ANY--
---ANYONE THERE?
GRAAARGH!
GOLDEN THRONE!
FTAM!
FTAM!
FTAM!
GURRGH!
GAH!
FTOOM!

TEKANNIBALS. THAT LOWLIFE ZABER SOLD ME OUT!
F-TAM!
F-TUMFF!
F-TAM! CHOOM!
KRUNTCH!
NO!
UGHN!
REEARGHH!
AH... AHK.. N-NO...
THUNTCH!
NEXT: EATERS OF THE DEAD


THE UNDERHIVE IS A WORLD OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION A PERPETUAL BATTLE RAGES BETWEEN ITS INHABITANTS
BLOODSHED BEGETS BLOODSHED SUCH IS THE WAY OF THE UNDERHIVE
TAKE THIS, A SINGLE BURNING SKULL GANGER, SLAIN MERELY FOR CROSSING INTO GRIMJACK TERRITORY...
BLOOD & BRAIDS
OR THIS... MERIDIA OF THE NOBLE HOUSE ULANTI PREPARING FOR HER DESCENT INTO THE UNDERHIVE
ALL THE ELEMENTS OF THE SUIT ARE READY LADY IT IS MAGNIFICENT
I EXPECT NOTHING LESS
OR THIS, THE GRIMJACKS EXAMINING THE SPOILS OF THEIR LATEST KILL
THIS IS WHY THAT BURNING SKULL SCUM CROSSED INTO OUR TERRITORY!
THEY MUST HAVE DISCOVERED A NEW HOARD! THIS STUFF WILL MAKE US RICH!
YOU WILL BE A GREAT ASSET TO YOUR TEAM, LADY
MY TEAM? I WILL RELY ON NO ONE! I WORK ALONE
NOT BAD...
SHISHHH!
NOW SHOW ME THE HEAD ARMOUR...
GET YOURSELVES READY WHILE I CHECK IT OUT...
...MEET ME BACK HERE LATER.

SCRIPT: *NIK VINCENT* · ART. *GRAHAM STODDART* · LETTERS. *FIONA STEPHENSON*

* FIVE, EXCLUDING THE TECHNICIAN...
...AND ALREADY I FEEL *FASTER* AND *STRONGER*.
MORE ARCHAEOTECH! I MUST BE GETTING CLOSER.
A DOZEN OR MORE THINKS THE SPYRER.
A DOZEN BRACDS OF HAIR, A DOZEN BADGES OF HONOUR YET THE SPORT HERE IS *TOO EASY*
THE GRIMJACK LEADER SCOPES THE TUNNELS EVERY SECOND OR TWO TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT.
...HE HAS NOT CHECKED THE *CEILING* OF A TUNNEL IN MANY YEARS. HE'S NEVER SEEN ANYTHING THERE EXCEPT DRIPS OF *TOXIC SLIME*
HE FEELS NOTHING AS ME'UDA DRIVES HER STILETTO DEEP INTO HIS SKULL.
SCHOKK!
NO SCALP ON THIS ANIMAL. THIS TRINKET WILL HAVE TO SUFFICE
AND SO THE TREASURE CHANGES HANDS *AGAIN*

LATER...
HE'S DEAD!
MARK MY WORDS
" THOSE SUMP-SUCKING BURNING SKULLS WILL PAY DEARLY FOR THIS."
TRUST ME. WE'LL FIND A FORTUNE DOWN HERE!
A RATSKIN SCOUT CAN SNIFF OUT TROUBLE LIKE NO OTHER UNDERHIVER.
WHAT THE ?
URGH!
SKLAK!

THE GRIMJACKS ARE PAYING HIM WELL, AND HE HAS DISCOVERED MORE THAN JUST NEWS OF THEIR GANG RIVALS...
A SPYRE HUNTER? WE CAN'T FIGHT THE BURNING SKULL FILTH AND THIS MONSTROUS SCUM!
THERE IS BUT ONE AND NOW THE BURNING SKULLS ARE ITS ENEMY AS WELL
THEN WE HAVE ONE CHANCE.
TAKE WORD TO THE BURNING SKULLS. TELL THEM WHAT YOU KNOW AND SECURE A PACT
AN UNEASY TRUCE FORMS AGAINST THE COMMON FOE...
THE RATSKIN LEADS THEM IN THE SEARCH FOR THEIR QUARRY
BUT THE HUNT WILL END SOONER THAN HE THINKS
CORNERED, MERIDIA FIGHTS.
HER PREY HAS DARED COME LOOK FOR HER. BUT SHE WILL MAKE THEM PAY FOR THAT MISTAKE WITH THEIR LIVES.
QUICK! SURROUND IT.
HER THIRST FOR BLOOD THROBS IN THE VEINS OF HER SUIT, GROWING STRONGER WITH EVERY KILL.

NOWHERE TO RUN NOW, MONSTER
TIME TO DIE!
SHE HAD BECOME TOO GREEDY FOR BLOOD. SHE COULD HAVE LEFT THE UNDERHIVE HOURS AGO.
SHE HAD CLAIMED INNUMERABLE LIVES, BUT NOW HER HUNT IS OVER.
ALL THAT IS LEFT NOW IS FOR THE TWO GANGS TO DIVIDE THE SPOILS.
KUK KUK KUK KUK
KUK KUK
END.

NEW FROM THE BLACK LIBRARY

Characters from the brilliant new Inquisitor game are leaping into the pages of the Black Library releases this month. First off, we're proud to bring you the first novel in a new series by Dan Abnett, charting the progress of one of the most fascinating characters from the game, Inquisitor Eisenhorn, from hard-line puritan to radical extremist. The first book of the Eisenhorn trilogy, 'Xenos', will be hitting the shelves soon, and we're sure it will prove even more popular than Dan's bestselling 'Gaunt's Ghosts' series. You can find out more details in the ad in this issue or if that's not enough, pick up of copy of Dan's last novel 'Gilead's Blood' and you'll find an extract from 'Xenos' in the back.

Lest we forget our very own Inquisitorial brethren, Book I of Inquisitor Ascendant is also out. In this very issue, Interrogator Gravier has been on a quest to track down his former mentor, Defay. Now you can read the beginning of young Gravier's service to the enigmatic Inquisitor as he begins to purge the secret taint from the nobility of Nicodemus.

Finally, Warhammer Loremaster Gav Thorpe's Raptor Squadron screams back into the pages of Inferno! in the latest issue. Inferno! #24 also marks the return of the mighty Ralph Horsley with the first part of his epic feature chronicling one of the many incursions of Chaos into fair Bretonnia.

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INCOMING

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✦✦ Brother Baneblade,

Forgive my imposition, but after reading some of the recent fine stories from WHM I find I must request additional information from you in order to clear up some confusion among the servitors in my archivum:

In Bloodquest 2, how did Lysander know what fate had befallen Proteus in order to be able to relate it as part of the tale to Lord Dante? After all Proteus was isolated when he fell to Slannesh. (UGH! SPIT!)

In Titan 3, when Regalis Annihalatus was captured by the Tyranid, why didn't Princeps Inderon simply self destruct his machine, rather than allow its defilement?

Now for some constructive feedback: Bloodquest 2 was great and the art was excellent. When Lysander revealed his face, he truly looked like someone who'd been through the bad part of Hell for the last 12 years. The artist did a wonderful job and deserves praise. I look forward to Blood Quest 3, and I ask to see Brother Cloten get the chance to deal with the traitor Proteus.

As for Titan 3, I'd like to see them fighting Chaos Titans (hint, hint.)

Best Wishes to you, brother. Continue your endless campaign against that abhorrence, Gutspew.

✦ Lord Russ Bullman – USA

✦

✦✦ Brother Lysander took 12 years to escape from the Eye of Terror and return to Baal to tell his tale. Who knows what could have happened during that time? As for Regalis Annihalatus, I remember the first time I ever faced the Tyranid menace and believe me Brother Bullman, those vile creatures don't even give you enough time to think let alone pull a trigger. For brave Princeps Inderon to have self destructed his Titan he would have had to overload his plasma reactor. By the time he'd done that the Tyranids would already have taken control of the mighty war-machine and be wreaking havoc on the forces of the Imperium (sob).

Scribe Rennie has been informed of your request, Lord Bullman and as we speak is frantically scribbling the third book of Bloodquest. Whether the fate of Brother Proteus is at last revealed... well you'll just have to wait and see. As you can see from this issue's episode, there's a strong possibility that Imperious Dictatio may engage the traitorous Titan Legions at some point in the near future!

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